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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, SAN JOSE, CARACAS, AUGUST 28, FROM BOGOTA RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 7722

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SUBJ: CUBAN SANCTIONS

REF A. STATE 186669 B. BOGOTA 7620

1. I MET WITH FORNMIN LIEVANO THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE COLOMBIAN-COSTARICAN-VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA. LIEVANO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AGREEMENT ON THE FOL: A. THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION SHOULD BE THE ENTITY TAKING FINAL ACTION ON THE SANCTIONS QUESTION; B. A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE CONVOKED AND THE JOINT PROPOSAL BE MADE TO DESIGNATE A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY WHICH WOULD REPORT TO THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION; C. THIS WOULD BE A FIVE MEMBER COMMITTEE AND WOULD REPORT IN ABOUT A MONTH; D. THE COMMITTEE'S TASK WOULD BE TO DETERMINE THE DESIRABILITY OR NONDESIRABILITY OF CUBAN SANCTIONS FROM THE STAND-
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POINT, FIRST, OF CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND

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SYSTEM (DETENTE, ETC), AND SECONDLY, OF THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF
THE SANCTIONS. IT WOULD NOT SEEK TO ANALYZE THE ORIGINAL MOTIVES
FOR THE SANCTIONS.

2. THE MIN SAID THAT AS TO TIMING, COLOMBIA WOULD BE NO PROBLEM,
BUT, HE SAID, QTE YOU WILL HAVE A PROBLEM WITH VENEZUELA UNQTE.
HE AFFIRMED THAT PRES PEREZ WAS STILL UPSET BY THE EARLIER PRESS
LEAKS ON OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM, AND THAT THE GOV WOULD PRESS
FOR A MEETING AND DECISION OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION BY THE
END OF OCT.

3. FACIO LEFT TODAY (I DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM)
FOR CARACAS AND WILL SPEND ABOUT A DAY AND A HALF THERE, THEN
RETURNING TO SAN JOSE. WHILE FACIO WAS HERE, THE MIN SAID,NVELE-
PHONE CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD WITH SCHACHT.

4. I TOLD THE MIN THAT OUR CNCERN ABOUT TIMING DID NOT REALLY
RELATE TO THE TIMING OF THE US CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS BUT RATHER
TO OUR BELIEF THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS SHOULD UNFOLD IN A MEASURED
WAY THAT WOULD PERMIT FULL CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
I REPEATED THE POINTS IN REFTEL A IN THIS REGARD. THE MIN SAID
HE AGREED WITH US; WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED TO WITH COSTA RICA AND
VENEZUELA, HE SAID, IS SIMPLY THAT THEY WILL PRESENT A PROPOSAL
TO THE COUNCIL FOR A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FOR THE PURPOSE DES-
CRIBED AND CONVOCATION OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION IN DUE COURSE
FOR FINAL ACTION. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF
THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY WERE VERY IMPORTANT AND THERE SHOULD
BE FULL CONSULTATION AMONG ALL MEMBERS AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
HE SAID HE AGREED. THE MIN ADDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE
RESOLUTION AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE BE CAREFULLY PHRASED
SO AS NOT RPT NOT TO GIVE CASTRO ANY GROUNDS FOR DISCREDITING
THE MULTILATERAL MOVE AND THE OAS PROCESS, OR TO PERMIT HIM TO
CHARGE THAT COLOMBIA AND THE OTHERS WERE US QTE PUPPETS UNQTE.
THE TASK OF THE COMMITTEE HAD TOHCE ARTICULATED IN SUCH A WAY
THAT CASTRO CANNOT OBJECT.

5. WE AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH. VAKY UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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